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**Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential**  
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really pleased with the overall attitude and conduct we have seen from Year 6 as they commenced their SATs.

Following the week, the Year 6 children had a well-earned relaxing day on Friday celebrating with their classmates. We have reminded the children that the learning is not over. We are expecting external writing assessments to take place in June and there are amazing learning opportunities planned.

In future weeks, we will begin our end of end year assessments at the end of each year, plus the Early Years Profile, Y1 Phonics screening, and Y4 Multiplication Times table check( MTC).

It is important to remember, that statutory assessments do not give a full picture of a child. They do not recognise their talents in art or singing or sport or cooking or debating or speaking several languages or how kind they are. These are the important things about your children, and we celebrate these over everything. However, we want the children to do well and be prepared to be the best version of themselves academically and socially.

A big thank you to all the staff who have continued to work tirelessly and to you as parents and carers for supporting the work we do.



### **Friends of Highwood**

It is wonderful to know that we have numerous events voluntarily planned by our fantastic Friends of Highwood Committee. Please consider joining the committee so that we can share the workload, make new friends, and create amazing memories for the children.

The enrichment opportunities organised by Friends of Highwood are so important to all children. I would like to take a moment to thank all parents for their financial contributions to these events as well as for volunteering. We are lucky at Highwood to have such a passionate and supportive parental community.

**We need lots of volunteers for the Disco this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and the Summer Fair on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please help us by volunteering.**

**Summer Term Uniform** The Staff and Governors of the school are justifiably proud of Highwood and expect pupils to share our pride in the uniform they wear.



Please remember that children still need to wear the school colours as part of the uniform. **Shorts must be loose fitting, not Lycra, and sandals or Crocs are not allowed. PE kits must be worn in for PE days. Sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece in royal blue with school motif.**

- Polo shirt – white or royal blue
- Trousers, tailored shorts, skirts or pinafores – grey or black
- Socks – plain grey, black or white
- Shoes – black – NO trainers
- P.E. tops should be in house colour
- P.E. jumpers – plain grey or black (can be purchased from MAPAC)
- P.E trainers – plain black or white
- P.E. shorts or tracksuit bottoms – plain black
- Hijabs should be of plain colour in royal blue, black, white or grey
- An optional summer uniform of blue/white gingham or striped dress is accepted.

### Summer Forest School Sessions

We understand that children may not wish to wear long sleeves or cover their legs because they are feeling warm. However, please help us by ensuring your child appreciates safety concerns when learning outdoors. They can put joggers over their shorts and change their short sleeve top for one that covers their arms swiftly before attending the session. Sun hats are also advisable. We want to ensure by dressing appropriately risks of sunburn, insect bites, stings, cuts' grazes are minimized.







Best wishes,  
Bindu Rai  
Headteacher



**Diary Dates for the summer term dates. Please note that some dates are to be confirmed.**

19/05/25	Walk to School – Stay fit and Healthy
20/05/25	Safer Travel Team Road Safety Lesson for Year 4 – volunteers needed
21/05/25	Safer Travel Team Road Safety Lesson for Year 4 – volunteers needed
21/05/25	Positive Minds Workshops begin for Year 6
22/05/25	Safer Travel Team Lessons for Year 5
22/05/25	Class Photograph Day with Van Cols Photography Company



22/05/25 	Summer Disco is returning! On Thursday 22nd May children from Reception up to Year 6 are invited to boogie the night away!  <b>KS1 disco will run 5pm-6pm      KS2 disco will run 6.15pm-7.30pm</b>
23/05/25	Break up for half term
26/05/25-30/05/25	Half Term Holiday
02/06/25	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Staff training day
03/06/25	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Staff training day
04/06/25	Pupils return
From 09/06/25	Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check and Year 1 Phonics screening will take place during June
09/06/25	Year 4 visit Verulamium St Albans
10/06/25	Year 3 visit Knebworth House
13/06/25 	Friends of Highwood Dad's and Other Lad's Day Pop up Shop
12/06/25 – 16/06/25	Healthy Eating Week -Theme: Find your healthier you 
18/06/25	New to Nursery meeting 6:00pm for prospective parents 6.00pm
19/06/25	Travelling Book Fair – details to follow  
21/06/25 	Friends of Highwood Summer Fair - please come along to help before or during the event. Thank you
25/06/25	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day – to be confirmed Option one
25/06/25	New to Reception meeting 6:00pm for prospective parents 6.00pm
26/06/25	Nursery and Reception Sports Day – to be confirmed Option one
26/06/25	Year 1 History of the Page - Toy Day
27/06/25	Chris Tawiah visits, a British player who has won multiple championships in Basketball
30/06/25	Nursery and Reception Sports Day – to be confirmed Option two
01/07/25	Year 5 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
02/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production recording/ rehearsal
02/07/25	Safer Travel Team Scooter Safety sessions for Year 2
03/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production recording/ rehearsal
03/07/25	Safer Travel Team Scooter Safety sessions for Year 2
08/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production to parent/ carers - TBC
09/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production to parent/ carers -TBC
10/07/25	Year 7 Induction Day at High School
10/07/25	Meet new class teachers and new Reception children visit 9:15-10:30am
14/07/25	Reception Classes trip to Aldenham Country Park
15/07/25	Annual Pupil Reports go home

15/07/25	Year 6 Leavers assembly to Parent and carers – details to follow
16/07/25	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day – to be confirmed Option Two
17/07/25 or 18/07/25	Year 6 trip - TBC
22/07/25	Last day of academic year. School closes at 2.00pm

<p><b><u>Ready For School</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We arrive at school on time.</li> <li>• We come to school with the correct equipment.</li> <li>• We make sure that we are wearing the correct clothing -uniform, P.E or Forest School.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Safety Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We follow the 1-2-3 safe transition rule</li> <li>• We listen to the adults and helpers.</li> <li>• We stay in school until home time.</li> <li>• We use all equipment sensibly.</li> <li>• We are always gentle with our bodies and the bodies of others.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Caring Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are polite and well-mannered to everyone.</li> <li>• We care for each other as well as ourselves.</li> <li>• We care for our school and its property.</li> <li>• We care for nature.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Learning Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We settle down quietly to do our work.</li> <li>• We try our best at everything.</li> <li>• We help each other and are friendly to all our classmates.</li> <li>• We tidy up and put away all equipment.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Movement Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We always walk quietly around the school so that we do not disturb other children.</li> <li>• We stay outside unless we are sent in by an adult or we need the toilet.</li> <li>• We line up and use the <b>H.A.L.L</b> approach: <b>H</b>ands by our side, <b>A</b>ll eyes forward, <b>L</b>ips closed, <b>L</b>ow speed.</li> <li>• We stop playing and line up when the whistle blows.</li> <li>• We do not leave the classroom without permission.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Lunchtimes and Wet Play</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We eat all our lunch slowly.</li> <li>• We use our inside voices.</li> <li>• We clear and clean up our food tray after we have eaten.</li> <li>• We ask the adults for help.</li> <li>• We play fairly and share the equipment.</li> <li>• We sit and play wet- play games in the classroom.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Expected Behaviour for Assembly</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We line up when told to do so.</li> <li>• We walk quietly to the Hall.</li> <li>• We listen and think during assembly time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Highwood Expected Behaviours</b></p> <p><b>Please talk through the expectations with your child</b></p>